

So why would God put a tree in the Garden and then tell Adam not to eat from it? (Some of you love the speculative questions. Some of you hate them. If you hate them, "Shut up and stop asking me hard questions!" is a valid answer. It's not kind, but is valid.)

Read Ephesians 5:22-33. What truth does Adam and Eve (and marriage) ultimately point toward? How does this speak to the "eternal plan" of the gospel?

How does Satan challenge the idea that God is great (above all others)?

How does Satan challenge the idea that God is good (morally pure)?

What words and actions does the Lord use to point toward the future work of Christ on the cross?

How does God reaffirm the value of women in this passage? How does Adam reaffirm the value of women?

How does the world use the Christmas story to distract from the fact that we live in a fallen world? How can you and I use this Christmas season to point out the curse, and also the hope?